

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 11, 2001

IN RE:)	
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PETITION OF UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY)	DOCKET NO.
TO CHANGE AND INCREASE CERTAIN)	01-00451
INTRASTATE RATES AND CHARGES SO AS TO)	
PERMIT IT TO EARN A FAIR AND ADEQUATE)	
RATE OF RETURN ON ITS PROPERTY USED AND)	
USEFUL IN FURNISHING TELEPHONE SERVICE)	
TO ITS CUSTOMERS IN TENNESSEE AND TO)	
ADOPT NEW AND REALISTIC DEPRECIATION)	
RATES FOR CENTRAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT)	

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF FOR ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY (120) DAYS

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on June 12, 2001 upon the Petition of United Telephone Company ("United") filed May 22, 2001 to change and increase certain intrastate rates and charges so as to permit it to earn a fair and adequate rate of return on its property used and useful in furnishing telephone service to its customers in Tennessee and to adopt new and realistic depreciation rates for central office equipment. On May 22, 2001, United also filed a Tariff to increase monthly, recurring residential and business rates and non-recurring service charges consistent with the requests contained in its Petition. The Tariff has a proposed effective date of June 22, 2001.

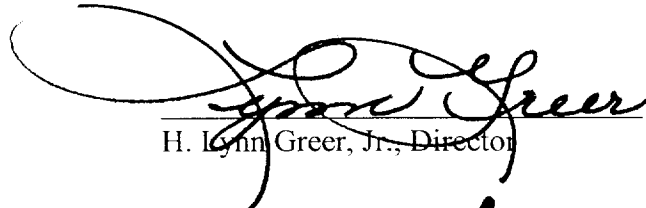
After consideration of this matter, the Authority determined that additional time is required to conduct an earnings investigation of United's regulated intrastate telephone operations and, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-203(a), the Directors voted unanimously to

suspend the tariff for one hundred and twenty days (120) from June 22, 2001 through October 19, 2001.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The Tariff filed by United Telephone Company on May 22, 2001 is suspended for one hundred twenty (120) days from June 22, 2001 through October 19, 2001.


Sara Kyle, Chairman


H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director


Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary